An action plan for control of Japanese Encephalitis has been drawn, which *inter-alia* provides for insecticidal spray in the districts reporting Japanese Encephalitis cases regularly every year.

Implementation of the Homoeopathic Council Act, 1973

3135. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position in implementing the provisions of section 26(2) of the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973;

(b) what obstacles, if any, are being faced by the Central Council of Homoeopathy in the implementation of the said Act; and

(c) whether pending the implementation of the Act, Government propose to issue executive instructions to the effect that the doctors practising Homoeopathy in a State or Union Territory other than the state of their registration would not be subjected to any legal action ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The implementation of the said provision is directly related to publication of Part II of the Central Register of Homoeopathy by the Registrar of the Central Council of Homoeopathy. The Council has reported that index cards for making preparation of alphabatised list of practitioners of Homoeopathy enrolled on the State Register of Homoeopathy in respect of Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan, Punjab, Maharasthra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Orissa, Assam and Tamil Nadu have already been prepared for the maintenance of the Central Register of Homoeopathy. The work relating to preparation of index cards in respect of the practitioners of Homoeopathy on the State Register of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya is in progress. The State Register of practitioners of Homoeopathy in respect of West Bengal is still awaited. Complete information with respect to the States of Bihar and Rajasthan is also awaited.

(c) No, Sir. There is no provision in the HCC Act, 1973, for issuing such instructions.

Study of Medicine system of China

3136. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to study in depth the medicine system of China for such a study could be of help in promoting medicine in the country ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) if the answer to para (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor ; and whether Government are aware of the favourable reports given by many doctos who had visited and studied the medicine system there ; and

(d) if so, what steps would be taken to take advantage of these reports?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) India is already having its own traditional systems *e.g.* Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha which

are being developed. There is apparently no need for promoting any other system which does not have any widespread roots in the country. Many persons from India have visited China and reported about the status and practise of Chinese traditional medicine. The knowledge about development of systems of other countries is helpful in promotion of Systems of Medicine prevalent in the country.

Number of posts of private secretaries attached to Secretaries in Central Government

3137. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of posts of Private Secretaries in the Centra, Secretariat stenographers servicel attached to the Secretaries to Government of India and equivalent officers, up-graded in the year 1987 to the level of posts with pay scale of Rs. 3000-4500 ;

(b) the broad criteria for filling up the upgraded posts ;

(c) the number of persons to the feeder grade fulfilling the criteria as on 31st December, 1987 ;

(d) whether regular appointments to the upgraded posts have been made from amongst those mentioned at (c) above ; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) About 90 posts have been upgraded .

(b) Pending finalisation of Recruitment Rules for the new grade of Private Secretaries, Ministries/Departments were advised to make *ad-hoc* appointment to eligible officers.

(c) The feeder grades are decentralised grades controlled by respective Ministries and Departments. The information sought is not maintained centrally.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The Recruitment Rules have not yet been finalised.

National Centre for Medium range *Weather*

3138. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Centre for Medium Range Weather (NCMRW) Forcasting is being kept at New Delhi inspite of the technical expert Committee's recommendations for its establishment at Pune ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many scientists have protested against this move ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government after taking into account all aspects of the matter in their totality took the decision to locate the Centre in New Delhi.

(c) and (d) Government are not aware of any protests.